

Premier League

Div 1: Capital City Suns 0 Belconnen United 1, Weston Creek 1 Canberra Deakin 0, Queanbeyan City 1 Uni of Canberra 6, Burns Club 0 Canberra Olympic 3, Juventus 1 Monaro 1; U23's: Capital City Suns 4 Belconnen United 5, Weston Creek 3 Canberra Deakin 1, Queanbeyan City 1 Uni of Canberra 6, Burns Club 1 Canberra Olympic 1, Juventus 1 Monaro 3; U19's: Capital City Suns 1 Belconnen United 7, Weston Creek 7 Canberra Deakin 2, Queanbeyan City 0 Uni of Canberra 2, Burns Club 3 Canberra Olympic 0, Juventus 4 Monaro 2

State League

Div 2: 1st Grade: Canberra Sabres 0 O'Connor Knights 3, Tuggeranong 3 ANU 1, White Eagles 1 Belwest 2; Reserve Grade: Canberra Sabres 0 O'Connor Knights 2, Tuggeranong 4 ANU 2, White Eagles 1 Belwest 4.

State League

Div 1: Canberra City 1 ANU 1, Belconnen United 4 Burns Club 2, Uni of Canberra 7 ADFA 1, Southern Spirit 2 Ginninderra 6; Div 2: Canberra City 0 ANU 8, Belconnen United 1 Burns Club 1, Uni of Canberra 4 Belwest 1, Tuggeranong United 3 Ginninderra 4; Div 3: Harmonie 16 Tuggeranong United 1, ANU v Uni of Canberra-2 ppnd; Div 4: Canberra City 0 Uni of Canberra-1 5, Harmonie 2 Burns Club 0, ADFA 0 ANU-2 11, ANU-1 4 Uni of Canberra 0; Youth League: Belwest 7 Southern Spirit 1, Radford College 0 BelSouth 3, Tuggeranong United 3 Belconnen United 2; Masters: Uni of Canberra 3 ANU 2, Canberra City 6 Kambah Old Boys 2.

CSN Predictions for Round 2:

Canberra Olympic v Weston Creek DRAW
Monaro v Queanbeyan City HOME
Uni of Canberra v Burns Club HOME
Canberra Deakin v Capital City Suns HOME
Belconnen United v Juventus HOME

TABLES

Premier League Division 1

1st Grade									
Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts		
Uni of Canberra	1	1	0	0	6	1	3		
Canberra Olympic	1	1	0	0	3	0	3		
Belconnen United	1	1	0	0	1	0	3		
Weston Creek	1	1	0	0	1	0	3		
Juventus	1	0	1	0	1	1	2		
Monaro	1	0	1	0	1	1	2		
Canberra Deakin	1	0	0	1	0	1	0		
Capital City Suns	1	0	0	1	0	1	0		
Burns Club	1	0	0	1	0	3	0		
Queanbeyan City	1	0	0	1	1	6	0		

Under 23s									
Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts		
Uni of Canberra	1	1	0	0	6	1	3		
Weston Creek	1	1	0	0	3	1	3		
Monaro	1	1	0	0	3	1	3		
Belconnen United	1	1	0	0	5	4	3		
Burns Club	1	0	1	0	1	1	2		
Canberra Olympic	1	0	1	0	1	1	2		
Capital City Suns	1	0	0	1	4	5	0		
Juventus	1	0	0	1	1	3	0		
Canberra Deakin	1	0	0	1	1	3	0		
Queanbeyan City	1	0	0	1	1	6	0		

Under 19s									
Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts		
Belconnen United	1	1	0	0	7	1	3		
Weston Creek	1	1	0	0	7	2	3		
Burns Club	1	1	0	0	3	0	3		
Juventus	1	1	0	0	4	2	3		
Uni of Canberra	1	1	0	0	2	0	3		
Monaro	1	0	0	1	2	4	0		
Queanbeyan City	1	0	0	1	0	2	0		
Canberra Olympic	1	0	0	1	0	3	0		
Canberra Deakin	1	0	0	1	2	7	0		
Capital City Suns	1	0	0	1	1	7	0		

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Welcome to Canberra Soccer News. This is the first preliminary test edition. We all know that there is a lack of Soccer news in Canberra and especially for the local Premier League. There will be a few more test editions put out over the next week or so.

Now, with the help of a number of volunteers, we would like to provide you with what you have been waiting for; in depth game reports, match analysis, results and tables, local news and feature stories and predictions for the upcoming weekend's matches.

This issue is just a start to get your appetites wet with what we could offer. We're not set yet, and it may take us a few weeks to get everything organised, but we are very keen to provide you, the soccer public, with the service you want.

This newsletter is currently free and will continue to be free throughout the season, if we get the go-ahead and there is sufficient interest. There will be no recompense for our work but we are keen for any budding writers out there to contact us and provide either match reports or local stories.

We will encourage clubs to provide information about special events coming up in the near future as well as keep you in touch with the latest happenings in the local scene and anything that affects soccer in Canberra.

The CSN is also keen to contact any sponsors who may be interested in providing help with photocopying/printing costs. Could they please contact me direct with their intentions.

In this, the first issue, we provide details from the first round of games. There are predictions for the upcoming Round 2 of the Premier League Division 1

Deadline for all articles and extra items will be Wednesday lunchtime. So, if you have anything interesting to put in, get in touch with me. The details are included at the end of this newsletter.

Enjoy your Soccer!

Nick Guoth

Weston open with win over Deakin

Canberra Deakin were given a wakeup call before their midweek cup clash with Burns Club when they went down to a well-organised Weston Creek side 1-0.

The Creek dominated throughout most of the match and if ace scorer Steve Lazzari had the right boots on the end result could have been somewhat of an embarasement to Deakin.

Young Weston midfielder Yushi Sato caused endless problems for his opponents and provided a solid link between the defenders and the striking partnership of Lazzari and Bradley Craven.

Yet it was the defence that laid the foundation of the win. Solid as Gibraltar, Deakin were limited to rare chances through set plays.

Their no-holds barred tackling, although obtaining the ire of the referee on more than a few occasions, may have surprised the Deakin players. Their delicate short passing game never really eventuated.

In the first half Zoran Talevski was causing all the problems Deakin could muster and on a few occasions Hassan Adhami was needed to quell the chance.

Yet all the real possibilities of a breakthrough came at the other end. A Yushi cross found Lazzari but his header went the wrong side of the bar.

Late in the half, a bad pass from Deakin keeper Mate Batinic was easily intercepted by Lazzari. Instead of turning and shooting, Steve took a rather less successful option.

In extra time Steve found himself one-on-one and on a slight angle yet his shot, with force, sailed wide.

The second half was somewhat lacklustre even after the goal had been scored. Neither team could break through the opposing defences.

The one score came 10 minutes into the second stanza. A free kick from Martin Lazzari went to the near post and a flick from Bradley Craven was enough to pass Batinic.

Weston Creek coach Jimmy Bland was pleased in how his team played. He said "we were the better side and created more chances.

"Defensively we were magnificent and we concentrated for 90 minutes. I told the boys to be patient and work hard and the results would come."

Ian Shaw on the other hand said "I'm disappointed. There was a lack of commitment and desire."

UNI take lead of Competition

At Riverside Oval University of Canberra easily took care of Queanbeyan City, a side that looks to be the beating boys of the competition.

The scoreline of 6-1 reflected the game although much can be said about Queanbeyan's tenacity throughout the first half.

For University, Dominic Bartone scored 2, Steve Howie, Simon Foxhill and Dominic Susic nabbed one each and the other was an own goal.

Queanbeyan competed quite well in the first period but lacked depth and the replacements weren't the calibre needed for this grade.

Their opponents played consistent throughout and Bartone, Howie and Nick Bear were singled out as the best.

Bels commence Title Defence with Win

Belconnen United started their defence of the Premier League title with a scrappy 1-0 win over Capital City Suns.

Suns were their own enemy when they gave too much ball away, especially in the midfield.

The goal came about when a free kick was floated into the box and Jason Dunn rose above all to head the ball over Tony Giannasca in goal.

Tony Lemezina came on in the second half and his presence sparked the Suns to play much better.

Midway through the period, they should have scored with any of three chances in a goalmouth scramble, but nothing would come to fruition for them.

The Capital City Suns would have been disappointed with the loss considering some of the chances they had.

Unlike the other games today, this one was played in very good spirits with no cautions handed out.

Olympic struggle in opener against Burns

New to Division 1, Burns Club were shown that the run through the season will be a tough one as they went down 3-0 to Canberra Olympic.

Although battling hard throughout the game, it was always going to be an uphill struggle for the team.

The goals were scored by Pino Seminara, Njegosh Popovich and the final from substitute Marcello Fernandez after some good lead up work by Elliott Zwangobani.

Burns were actually unlucky not to lead after 10 minutes when a shot found the woodwork and not the net.

Following the early scare, Olympic set themselves and their sheer weight of possession meant that it was only a matter of time before the goals came.

Olympic showed very good composure on the ball and their defence was very solid. The only problem today was the rather flat and ordinary frontline.

Alex Tsiokos and Steve Vanzetti were singled out as two of the better players on the day.

Points shared in Italian derby

by GREG WELSH

A late goal to Gunghalin Juventus' striker Frank Barresi earned his side a hard-fought 1 - 1 draw against Monaro in Round 1 of the ACT Premier League at Jamison Oval on Sunday.

and sometimes spiteful clash, Monaro dominated in terms of possession and field position throughout, with Juventus relying on quick counter-attacking moves.

Both teams traded yellow cards in a scrappy first half of football, with neither side able to capitalise on a number of goal-scoring opportunities.

Juventus' forward George Cattanaach was unlucky not to open the scoring in the 62nd minute when his powerful header rattled the crossbar. The ball rebounded directly back to Cattanaach but his second attempt strike was well saved by Monaro goalkeeper Tony Guarino.

The game seemed to be decided 16 minutes later when lively Monaro' striker Lazar Simeonov slotted the ball away from close range after Juventus' goalkeeper Elias Oikarinen could only block Valerio Galeotti's powerful low drive.

But eight minutes from full-time Monaro were left hopelessly exposed at the back as an attacking raid broke down. Cattanaach collected the ball on the half-way line, surged forward and passed to a grateful Barresi who snared the equaliser.

Monaro coach Ian Heywood was left to rue his team's defensive lapse. "We can score goals, we've proved that. We'll score in every game we play. It's just a question of whether we can stop the opposition from scoring. To stop them from scoring you've got to be on the ball for 90 minutes, not 85 or 87 or 88 or 89."

Juventus' coach Billy Willox was happier with his side's performance. "I thought we created more chances, clear-cut chances. I thought we could have done ourselves a bit of justice by getting three goals. I think we came as underdogs and I think we showed we won't be that bad."